ABSTRACT

The present invention leverages a data gathering service to provide information regarding a network system's health, performance *and/or* utilization *via* a computing entity, local *and/or* remote. This provides an optimized means to aggregate a single network's data *and/or* multiple networks' data, decreasing the amount of effort required by system administrators to keep a network operational *and/or* to provide control of its utilization *and/or* update a system's state. In one instance of the present invention, a data gathering service aggregates data from systems and provides access to this information *via* a communication means. In another instance of the present invention, aggregated data is utilized to provide manual *and/or* automatic control of one or more aspects of a system's utilization by an entity *and/or* a person. In yet another instance of the present invention, aggregated utilization data is employed to provide a management/productivity tool for end-users of a networked system.